

Arcanum: 6

Zodiac Affinity: Gemini

Element: Air

As a "Yes" or "No" Card: Definite Yes

Quick Overview

The Lovers is the sixth card of the Major Arcana set; the first card that is not centered around a central figure, but two instead. As such, there are a whole host of meanings to consider as well as the relationship and love aspect. It is a great card to draw if you're looking for love, deep emotional bonds, or understanding and completeness with another being.



Illustrated as Adam and Eve, the snake and apple tree are also present. The concept of duality, balance, and 'two sides of the same coin' are common concepts in many veins of mysticism. The way the figures are looking, Adam to Eve, Eve to the Angel, the Angel to Adam; suggest the supernal triangle, Kether, Hokmah and Binah from Qaballic practice. Above the Angel is the sun disc, Ain Soph in Qaballah. The fusion here of these two mythologies further solidifies the Egyptian/Qaballic link.

Keywords

*Love - Completeness - Choice - Temptation - Commitment - Friendship - Duality -
Relationship - Balance*

"Making a decision that makes your heart glad. Knowing you made the right choice makes you feel like falling love: strong, happy, and sometimes even scared and vulnerable." -*Tarot of Pagan Cats, Lo Scarabeo.*

"Balanced duality, harmony, understanding and love all come from this positive card." -*Tarot-Explained.com*

Key Phrases

- I. The power of love and how we deal with it
- II. What do you mean by the word 'love'?
- III. Seeking wholeness
- IV. Being true to your values
- V. Sexual Harmony
- VI. 'Made in heaven' relationship
- VII. Romantic Desire
- VIII. Feeling drawn to another
- IX. Making a choice
- X. Knowing what is right and wrong for you personally
- XI. Wanting union

In General

The Lovers is a card everyone wants to draw, but it is far more complex than just signifying new love in your life, or harmony and happiness. The image reveals that we are all separate individuals, however close we feel to someone sexually or emotionally, and we must acknowledge each other's personal values or needs.

This card also asks you to think about what you, personally, mean by love and to take responsibility for your choices. We all use the word 'love' very glibly, but love is different things to different people. You may want unconditional love, approval, or be seeking to manipulate others to feel loved. This card asks you to be more aware of who you are and what values you place on love relationships.

Relationships

In regards to work and education, can represent a choice: your heart or your head, usually. Are you choosing a university course? Do you want something with good job prospects or something that you enjoy deeply in work; it could mean one of two choices is going to affect your work greatly. Love and work don't mix well, so if you thinking of going with your heart, think about it just to be sure. It may be the right decision.



The Lovers and romance go hand in hand. You might get swept off of your feet (or do the sweeping yourself). This is the best position for The Lovers card to come up in; if this has happened, you'd better brace yourself!

When it comes to friendship, we have a similar meaning to romance; you might go on a trip with your best friend, for instance. Depending on how long you've known this person, things may also get a bit rocky, especially if it's been a long-time.

The Lovers is not all that great when it comes to dealing with money questions and issues. Things may be going well, but double check receipts don't make any sill purchases. Now isn't the time to get distracted with your finances. Don't take risks with your money right now. The power of money is in its potentiality, not on frivolous impulse buys.

This card may indicate the cure for you, especially if you're feeling lonely. Sometimes you can get so caught up in things that you don't consider very day problems. Just be sure to keep track of your health; Record things, keep track of your caloric intake and, of course, exercise! Don't let one aspect of your life overshadow the others. The concept of Eden is also strong here; a house or home, somewhere you feel safe ad where all your needs are seen to. **DO NOT PUSH YOURSELF** if you're ill.




It can also represent a duality here when talking about mentality or spirituality. You could be in two minds about something, or constantly second-guessing. Take some time to calm down. Nothing is as important as you think it is. That isn't to put down your troubles and belittle them. Consider how you'll feel about these worries in a year, two years time even.

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Means something along the lines of a previous relationship grounded you in good stead for the present and the future. Not so much meaning someone that's a member of the opposite sex; its doing good whether you are single or in a relationship. If you are single, it could represent a strong parental bond or single close friendship. Perhaps you were raised in a non-traditional family also.

Present

Your heart rules your head or you want to be in love and escape the doubts, fears and inhibitions of the world around you.

You understand your relationship counterpart and are growing together. Both of you are offering two different sides of the same coin, a good balance. Think of the Taijitu (yin-yang ) , you are both separate but retain the other within. Are you arguing with the person you're in a relationship with right now? If it is about something trivial, just think about it and put it in perspective. If it's more serious, again, think about it. It's common when something bad happens to just try not to think about things, to ignore them. Go somewhere alone and do your best to think about every aspect of what happened.

Future

New romance could come into your life without you even looking for it. Do you commit? Will your partner commit? Anyone can see love is in the future here; the standard tarot response. "Things will get better."

In Reverse

Love Triangle - Imbalance - No Connection

Relating to the harmony of the Lovers, in reverse, it represents a lack of balance within a relationship. Everything is related to everything else; relativity is not just a scientific principle, but an emotional and spiritual one too. Look out for a sudden lack of connection, and think about what is causing this. Look for imbalance in your life. Are you giving or taking too much?

Future

New romances that you've seeded should begin to pop up everywhere. Do you commit? Will your partner commit? Do you go your own ways? Conflicts can be resolved if this card is drawn in this position, but can also indicate that temptation will test the strength of a current relationship. Love triangles are also signified if this card appears here; you may have to choose between two people or may even be tempted to get involved with someone who is already in a long term relationship.

